

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS23163**

This bill addresses several pending issues concerning use as storage of water.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 42-201, Idaho Code, is to assure that water may be used for fire abatement and defined forestry practices without a water right in a manner equitable to the holder of a water right, if any.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 42-204, Idaho Code, is to assure that water appropriated by new water rights do not diminish the fill of the State's reservoir systems.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 42-607, Idaho Code, is to provide that the release of water for flood control purposes from Arrowrock Reservoir, Anderson Ranch Reservoir, and Lucky Peak Reservoir in a manner consistent with certain described agreements does not diminish storage water rights. This amendment affects no other reservoirs.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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